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SUBJ: PEDOJETS FOR THE GAMBIA

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B. BROOME TO AFR/CWR MEMO DATED MAY 9, 1975

1. AID OFFICER HAS AGAIN CONSULTED WITH DR PEREIRA, CEYLONSE ADVISOR TO MOH AND SECOND TO DR PETER N DOW, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. DR N'DOW, WHO HAS DELT WITH PEDOJET SUBJECT PERSONALLY WITH AID/W, IS ABROAD UNTIL END OF MAY. DR PEREIRA, THEREFORE, QUALIFIES MOH JUSTIFICATION PRESENTED BELOW AS TENTATIVE UNTIL HE CAN ASCERTAIN N'DOWN'S JUSTIFICATION.

2. INFORMATION REPORTED BY IGA OFFICER VAN HOUTEN IS CONFIRMED BY PEREIRA: THERE ARE TWO REGULAR MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS OPERATING WITH TWO PEDOJETS REMAINING FROM 1968 DONATION PLUS TWO BACK-UP PEDOJETS ON LOAN FROM SENEGAL. DR PEREIRA DOES NOT RECALL HAVING SAID THAT AT MOST ONLY TWO MORE PEDOJETS ARE NEEDED.

3. WHILE THERE ARE NORMALLY ONLY TWO MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN ADDITIONAL TEAMS WOULD BE FORMED TO MEET EMERGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, LAST YEAR, UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDING TO DR PEREIRA, TWO ADDITIONAL TEAMS WERE

FORMED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS WHICH WENT OUT TO COMBAT A THREATENED OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA. (FYI, GOTG MAINTAINS A LARGE RESERVE OF CHOLERA VACCINE.)

4. EXTRA PEDOJETS, THEREFORE, ARE JUSTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: TWO TO REPLACE THOSE LOANED BY SENEGAL; FOUR FOR READINESS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL MOBILE HEALTH TEAMS WHICH CAN BE AND HAVE BEEN FORMED ON SHORT NOTICE TO COMBAT AN EPIDEMIC THREAT (ONE PLUS ONE BACK-UP PER POTENTIAL TEAM); AND ONE PEDOJET GENERAL RESERVE.

5. IT IS AID OFFICER S OPINION WITHOUT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO CONSULT WITH DR N'DOW THAT AT MOST FOUR PEDOJETS (TWO IN PLACE OF THE SENEGALESE ONES AND ONE EACH FOR TWO POTENTIAL BACK-UP TEAMS) ARE THE MOST THAT CAN BE READILY JUSTIFIED; OTHER THREE ARE QUESTIONABLE.

6. WILL COMMUNICATE DR N'DOW'S POSITION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.  
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